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SUBJECT: MAURITIUS WEEKLY REVIEW - JULY 15 (SUMMARY)

REF: PORT LOUIS 726

1. THE GOM HAS DECIDED TO INSTITUTE SEVERAL NEW SECURITY MEASURES IN THE WAKE OF THE SYCHELLES COUP. PUBLIC ACCESS TO MINISTERIAL OFFICES IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE WILL BE RESTRICTED, AND A NEW INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICE WILL BE CREATED.
2. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE EMPLOYERS, AND TRADE UNIONS MET THIS WEEK AND AGREED ON STPES THAT COULD ALLEVIATE  
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MASS WORKERS' DISMISSALS FROM FOUNDERING COMPANIES, AND DECIDED TO APPOINT THREE JOINT COMMITTEES TO STUDY THE UNIONS' DEMAND FOR A 22 PER CENT GENERAL WAGE INCREASE.

3. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT (MMM) MET ON JULY 9 AND LISTENED TO SECRETARY GENERAL BERENGER REPORT ON HIS RECENT EXTENSIVE INTERNATIONAL TRAVELS,

DISCUSSED THE CUREENT " ECONOMIC CRISIS" IN MAURITIUS, AND TOOK STEPS TO SMOOTH OVER INTERNAL PARTY PORBLEMS. LATER BERENGER, IN THE PARTY NEWSPAPER'S EDITORIAL COLUMN, CONTENDED THAT RAMGOOLAM'S GOVERNMENT IS INCAPABLE OF HANDLING THE "ECONOMIC CRISIS" BUT THAT THE MMM WOULD NOT MAKE THE CRISIS WORSE IN ORDER TO FORCE GENERAL ELECTIONS AT THE PRESENT TIME.

4. THE HEAD OF THE MAURITIAN EMPLOYERS' FEDERATION DENIED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT AN ECONOMIC CRISIS EXISTS. ADMITTING THAT THERE ARE SOME PROBLEMS, HE BLAMED THEM ON EXTERNAL FACTORS AND LOW WORKER PRODUCTIVITY.

5. IN THE BUSINESS-COMMERCIAL WORLD, FRANCO-MAURITIAN DISCUSSIONS HAVE CONFIRMED EARLIER QUOTAS FOR MAURITIAN TEXTILES EXPORTED TO FRANCE. A FRENCH FIRM IS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING A 5 MILLION RUPEE SILK PROCESSING PLANT IN MAURITIUS, AND THE AMERICAN PRECISION ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURER, LITRONIX, WAS SOLD TO SIEMENS OF WEST GERMANY.

6. THE MMM'S LE MILITANT CAST DOUBTS ON WHETHER THE SOVIET-MAURITIAN FISHING ACCORD HAS ACTUALLY BEEN ABROGATED, BUT IT DID CONFIRM THAT THE GOM INTENDS TO REQUIRE THE SOVIET EMBASSY TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF ITS STAFF.

7. INDEPENDENT L'EXPRESS CARRIED ANOTHER OFFICIALLY INSPIRED FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE REPORTING THATTHE GOM HAS DECIDED TO LIMIT CONFIDENTIAL

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SHARPLY THE TRANSPORT BY SOVIET CARGO SHIPS OF MAURITIAN SUGAR TO THE EEC. LAST YEAR THREE-FOURTHS OF THIS SUGAR WAS CARRIED BY SOVIET VESSELS.

8. MINISTER OF PLANNING GHURBURRUN IS LEADING AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO THE PRC THIS WEEKEND TO DISCUSS THE LONG-DELAYED CHINESE AID PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT A NEW AIRPORT IN MAURITIUS. KEELEY

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